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SUBJECT: SUBJECT: SOD OPERATIONS MOTORCAINE, MELLISOS AND HOLD DE MAYO. SEIZURE OF CONDOMINIUM APARTMENT COMPLEX BEING CONSTRUCTED BY LUIS DAVID ULLOA, JEAN PAUL ULLOA AND JUAN SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ-CORDERO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DAPS CONSTRUCTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ON 06-25-2005 BY

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC NATIONAL DIRECTORATE FOR DRUG CONTROL (DNCD) SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT (SIU) AND DEA SANTO DOMINGO COUNTRY OFFICE AGENTS. CCX: KA-03-0015/YNC1K CCX:
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¶11. (SBU) The Santo Domingo Country Office (SDCO), New York Division Group T-42 and the Dominican National Directorate for Drug Control (DNCD) Sensitive Investigative Unit (SIU) has been investigating the drug trafficking activities of Quirino Ernesto PAULINO-Castillo, AKA EL DON, Luis Eduardo RODRIGUEZ-Cordero AKA EL PRINCIPE, David and Paul ULLOA (twin brothers) for more than 2 years. The ULLOA twin brothers are known drug trafficking associates of Luis Eduardo RODRIGUEZ-Cordero, Juan Samuel RODRIGUEZ-Cordero, and Quirino Ernesto PAULINO-Castillo.

¶12. (SBU) On 06-03-2005, DNCD SIU and SDCO Agents arrested New York Field Office (NYFO), RPOT targets David and Paul ULLOA near their DAPS CONSTRUCTION business parking lot in Plaza Lopez De Vega in Santo Domingo, DR. The ULLOA's twin brothers and 14 additional co-defendants were indicted under Southern District of New York case file S104Cr.1353 on 03-15-2005, for violating Title 18 Section 1956, and Title 21 Sections 841, 846, 959, and 963.

¶13. (SBU) On 06-25-2005, DNCD-SIU, DNCD Financial Unit (FU) and SDCO SA Jose Torres executed a seizure warrant on a condominium / apartment complex known as TORRE PASEO DE LAS PALMAS II, located at corner of Orlando Martinez and Silvestre Aybar Streets in Santo Domingo, DR. The complex was recently constructed by DAPS construction and the developer was in the process of selling and delivering the apartments to their respective owners. The condominium complex consisted of 10 luxury apartments with prices starting at \$330,000.00 USD each. The estimated real estate value of this condominium complex is 10-15 million US dollars.

¶15. (SBU) While the agents were executing the seizure warrant at TORRE PASEOS DE LAS PALMAS II, several individuals arrived at the building claiming ownership of some of the apartments. These individuals included Victor Osvaldo GOMEZ-Casanova, Dominican Cedula 001-1386833-5, who was accompanied by his wife Clara Rosa De Jesus Tejada-Rodriguez; Reynaldo de Las Mercedes PARED-Perez, Dominican Cedula 001-0076067-7 and Delio Jose GUZMAN-Abreu, Dominican Cedula 001-1386833-5. PARED-Perez is the current Secretary General of the ruling political party in the DR, the Partido Liberal Dominicano (PLD). GOMEZ-Casanova is a prominent Dominican radio commentator and a candidate for the position of Secretary General Partido Reformista Social Cristiano (PRSC) in the DR. According to intelligence information and statements made to the agents by individuals at the complex, those individuals paid in excess of \$330,000.00USD for each apartment. PARED-Perez allegedly owns two apartments at TORRE PASEOS DE LAS PALMAS II.

¶16. (SBU) In the Dominican Republic, it is not unusual for individuals like PARED-Perez and GOMEZ-Casanova to own expensive real estate and personal property or have title to these assets even though their legitimate salaries are marginal. In the DR it is common for alleged drug traffickers such as the ULLOAs twin brothers, the CORDERO-Rodriguez brothers and Quirino PAULINO-Castillo to transfer these types

of assets to politicians and military officials in exchange for protection and to shelter their criminal enterprises and MELLISOS, PRINCIPE, AND HOLD DE MAYO CCX: CS-02-107016 CCX: CS-05-118122

their ill gotten gains from law enforcement. (Note: Many Dominican Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs,) are laundering their drug proceeds through construction business and luxury car sales). Dominican drug traffickers would usually have their properties registered in third parties names. The SDCO is recommending to the DNCD-FU and the Dominican Republic District Attorneys Office to conduct their own financial investigations on PARED-Perez and GOMEZ-Casanova. (AGENT,S NOTE: SA Jose Torres was present as an observer at the PASEO DE LAS PALMAS II Condominium Complex which the DNCD Agents executed the search and seizure warrant).

¶7. (SBU) The SDCO will continue to provide information on this investigation to the respective offices as it becomes available. This cable is in lieu of a DEA-6 as per DEA Agents Manual Section 6242.11. Questions can be directed to SA Jose M. Torres, Acting GS Jeffrey Turpin or CA Elias L. Lopez at the SDCO, Commercial 809-687-3754 or 301-985-9410.

INDEXING

¶1. ULLOA, Jean Paul - NADDIS 5371459

¶2. ULLOA, Luis David - NADDIS 5371476

¶3. RODRIGUEZ-Cordero, Juan Samuel) NADDIS 5664480

¶4. PAULINO-Castillo, Quirino Ernesto - NADDIS 5695286

¶5. RODRIGUEZ-Cordero, Luis Eduardo - NADDIS 4665756

¶6. DAPS CONSTRUCTION AKA CONSTRUCTORA DAPS NADDIS 5852639
(Front business used by the ULLOA's twin brothers and Samuel RODRIGUEZ-Cordero to legitimize their drug trafficking proceeds) NFI

¶7. GOMEZ-Casanova, Victor Osvaldo) NADDIS Negative
Dominican white male; brown eyes; black hair; 5, 108 tall;
230 Lbs; D/POB: 07-03-1976/Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic;
Dominican Cedula No. 001-1386833-5; Occupation: Radio
Commentator and Politician; wife names: Clara Amarilis
Tejada-Cunillera; NFI

¶8. PARED-Perez, Reynaldo De Las Mercedes) NADDIS Negative
Dominican white male; brown eyes; black hair; 5,68 tall;
140 Lbs; D/POB: 09-25-1956/Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic;
Dominican Cedula No. 001-0076067-7; Occupation: Lawyer;
Politician; NFI
(Alleged owner of an apartment / condominium at an complex
seized by law
law enforcement officers upon the execution of a seizure
warrant.)

¶9. TORRE PASEO DE LAS PALMAS II (XR)) NADDIS Negative
(Condominium apartment complex constructed by the ULLOA twin
brothers and Samuel RODRIGUEZ-Cordero,s DAPS CONSTRUCTION
Company. Project was alleged constructed with drug proceeds.
The building is located at the corner of Orlando Martinez
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and Silvestre Aybar Streets, Santo Domingo, DR) NFI
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